

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Makoto IWASHIMA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 8884  
Serial No.: 10/779,613 : Group Art Unit: 2834  
Filed: February 18, 2004 : Examiner: Hanh N. Nguyen  
For: POWER CONVERTER AND RELATED METHOD

**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The Amendment and Remarks are submitted, together with a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114, in response to the final office action issued on February 24, 2006 and the Decision on Appeal dated January 5, 2009 affirming the examiner's rejections in the office action. This Response and the RCE are timely filed before the filing a Notice of Appeal to the Federal Circuit, and within the two-month period of time set for filing such Notice. Withdrawal of the finality and consideration of this Response should be proper. See MPEP 706.07(h) XI.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.